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WAR NOTICES

Emergency Medical Service

It will be recalled that in July the Central Emergency Committee, at the request of the Ministry of Health, put forward specific proposals for the terms and conditions of service of an Emergency Hospital Medical Service. It was recommended that there should be two types of appointment within the Service: a Class A or whole-time appointment, and a Class B or part-time appointment. It was further recommended that an establishment of Class A officers should be laid down by the Ministry. In general the Ministry accepted the Committee's recommendations, modifying those relating to salaries but not embodying a proposal that special rates of compensation for death or injury should be paid or the recommendation that a Class A establishment should be laid down.

Recruitment to the Service was then undertaken by the Ministry of Health, with the result that about 2,000 practitioners, apart from house officers, were enrolled in the London area, over two-thirds of them on a whole-time basis. In the provinces over 3,000 practitioners were enrolled, comparatively few of them being on a part-time basis. It was not long before the hurried recruitment of whole-time officers without a fixed establishment led to difficulties in London. Some whole-time officers enrolled in the belief that they could at the same time continue in private practice. Others, enrolled but not called up at the outbreak of war, complained that their private practices had disappeared. Some attended their hospitals at the outbreak of war under a misapprehension.

In order to meet a part of the problem the Ministry offered whole-time officers officially called up the opportunity of transferring to a part-time basis, remaining liable for four-sevenths of their time and receiving one-third of their whole-time salary. This offer was acceptable to few and the situation remained practically unchanged. Difficulties arose, too, in connexion with house officers, some of whom, although enrolled, were informed by the Ministry that they were enrolled in error. In the part-time B section difficulties were beginning to arise as to the interpretation of the section of the terms and conditions of service defining the range of professional work falling within the scope of the Service. There were other difficulties also as a result of the Ministry's grading of Class B officers into those undertaking consultant and specialist work and those undertaking general practitioner work.

At this stage the Central Emergency Committee decided to give immediate consideration to the position with a view to the preparation of a scheme of reorganization for recommendation to the Minister of Health. It established a special committee for the purpose, including the Presidents and representatives of the three Royal Colleges. The full personnel of the Committee was given by the Minister in answer to a question in the House of Commons and is set out in full in this *Supplement* at page 216. This committee, after collecting the views of the various groups affected, has now prepared a considered scheme for the reorganization of the Service, and it has asked the Minister of Health to receive a deputation in order that this scheme may be placed before him. It relates both to whole-time and to part-time officers. The Minister has consented to receive the deputation on Friday, November 3.

The General Practitioner and Air-raid Casualties

The Minister of Health has decided to establish on a temporary basis a domiciliary medical service for all civilians who sustain war injuries in this country if in-patient treatment is no longer necessary or is impracticable and treatment as an out-patient of a hospital is impracticable. In so far as the injured persons are entitled to medical benefit under National Health Insurance they are already provided for. The scheme will be available for dealing with the residue.

Service under the scheme will be confined to after-treatment of the war injury and to treatment within the scope of a general practitioner. The British Medical Association has agreed with the Ministry to use its best endeavours to secure that medical practitioners throughout the country will take part in the service as they have recently done in the case of the service for the medical treatment of unaccompanied children. Payment to general practitioners will be made on the basis of a capitation fee at the rate of 16s. per annum for each person attended under the scheme, this sum being exclusive of drugs and dressings.

The scheme is to be liable to reconsideration at the end of a year. It will cover one further small class of case, that of civil defence volunteers who sustain "war service injuries" as defined in the Personal Injuries (Emergency Provisions) Act, 1939.

This is a preliminary announcement and the fullest details will soon be made available to Local Emergency Committees and to individual practitioners.

Casualties in Rural Areas

A question has been raised as to the medical provision for attendance on casualties due to air raids in rural areas in which no fixed first-aid posts have been established. This matter has been taken up with the Ministry of Health, which replies as follows:

"It has not been found practicable to provide organized arrangements for providing medical attention for air-raid casualties other than those who are treated at first-aid posts (mobile or fixed) or hospitals. It will be appreciated that in the great majority of cases any necessary treatment can be provided through those agencies, and any system under which the private practitioners were called upon to give treatment would need to be subject to proper control. In any exceptional case, however, where medical services were required by a casualty who could not be treated through the organized arrangements, a claim for payment would receive special consideration in the event of the patient not being an insured person, or being unable to make his own arrangements for payment."

CENTRAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEE
(Central Medical War Committee),
British Medical Association House,
Tavistock Square, W.C.1.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

In reply to a question in the House of Commons on October 26, on the consultations that have taken place between the Ministry of Health and representatives of the medical profession concerning the terms and conditions of service in the Emergency Medical Service, Dr. Elliot circulated the following lists of personnel of the Central Emergency Committee (Central Medical War Committee), Group Officers, and a special committee appointed by the Central Emergency Committee on October 18. The first part of Dr. Elliot's reply will be found in "Medical Notes in Parliament" this week (*Journal*, p. 933).

CENTRAL EMERGENCY COMMITTEE (CENTRAL MEDICAL WAR COMMITTEE)

Chairman of Council: Mr. H. S. Souttar, London.
Chairman of Representative Body: Dr. H. Guy Dain, Birmingham.
Treasurer and Chairman of General Practice Committee: Dr. J. W. Bone, Luton.
Chairman of Naval and Military Committee: Colonel A. H. Proctor, London
Chairman of Public Health Committee: Professor R. M. F. Picken, Cardiff
Chairman of Welsh Committee: Dr. W. E. Thomas, Ystrad Rhondda, Glam.
Chairman of Insurance Acts Committee: Dr. E. A. Gregg, London.
Chairman of Rural Practitioners Subcommittee: Dr. D. G. Greenfield, Rushden, Northants.
Chairman of Hospitals Committee: Dr. Peter Macdonald, York.
Chairman of Organization Committee: Dr. J. C. Matthews, Downton, Wilts.
Chairman of Public Medical Services Subcommittee: Dr. H. W. Pooler, Ashover, Derbyshire
Chairman of Special Practice Committee: Professor A. H. Burgess, Cheadle, Cheshire.
Representative of Society of Medical Officers of Health: Dr. James Fenton, Kensington.
Representative of Medical Women's Federation: Dr. Letitia Fairfield, London.
Representative of Medical Committee of House of Commons: Sir Francis Fremantle, Hatfield.
Representatives of following Group Committees:
Radiological: Dr. Russell J. Reynolds, London.
Pathological: Dr. D. Embleton, London.
Ophthalmological: Mr. J. D. M. Cardell, London.
Consultants and Specialists: Mr. A. Hedley Whyte, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
Psychological Medicine: Dr. A. A. W. Petrie, Sutton, Surrey.
Physical Medicine: Dr. C. B. Heald, London.
Orthopaedic: Mr. Harry Platt, Manchester.
Two Representatives each of: Royal College of Surgeons: Sir William Girling Ball, London; Sir Alfred Webb-Johnson, London. Royal College of Physicians: Dr. A. E. Clark-Kennedy, London; Sir Charles Wilson, London.
Representative of Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists: Professor W. Fletcher Shaw, Manchester.
Representative of Medical Research Council: Dr. P. N. Panton, London.
Four General Practitioners appointed by the British Medical Association on a territorial basis: Dr. J. A. Brown, Birmingham; Mr. G. E. Elkington, Newport, Shropshire; Sir Kaye Le Fleming, Wimborne; Dr. S. A. Winstanley, Urmston, Lancs.
Representative of Board of Education: Dr. J. Alison Glover.
Representative of Board of Control: Sir Hubert Bond.
Liaison Officer of Scottish Emergency Committee: Dr. R. W. Craig, Edinburgh.
Liaison Officer of the Northern Ireland Emergency Committee: Dr. F. M. B. Allen, Belfast.
Secretary (Dr. G. C. Anderson).
Deputy Secretary (Dr. Charles Hill).

Group Officers: London

Sector I.—Mr. Russell J. Howard
" II.—Dr. A. E. Clark-Kennedy.
" III.—Sir Girling Ball.
" IV.—Dr. Wilfred Pearson.
" V.—Dr. H. E. A. Boldero.
" VI.—Sir Charles Wilson.
" VII.—Mr. C. H. S. Frankau.
" VIII.—Professor O. L. V. S. de Wesselow.
" IX.—Mr. John Hunter.
" X.—Professor T. B. Johnston.

Group Officers: Provinces

Birmingham.—Professor L. G. Parsons.
Liverpool.—Mr. K. W. Monsarrat.
Manchester.—Professor A. H. Burgess.
Sheffield.—Dr. A. G. Yates.
Leeds.—Mr. Harold Collinson.
Bristol.—Professor Hey Groves.
Newcastle.—Mr. F. C. Pybus.
Hull.—Dr. T. Ritchie Rodger.
Bradford.—Dr. J. F. Allan.
Stoke-on-Trent.—Dr. E. C. Myott.
Portsmouth.—Mr. B. Wagstaff, Secretary, Royal Portsmouth Hospital (with an advisory committee of four medical men).
Southampton.—Mr. E. L. Wirgman, Secretary of Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital (with an advisory committee of four medical men).
Brighton.—Dr. L. A. Parry.
Wolverhampton.—Mr. W. H. Harper, House Governor, the Royal Hospital, Wolverhampton.
Walsall.—Dr. Robert Forrest.
Reading.—Dr. G. O. Lambert.
Oxford.—Major-General Sir Robert McCarrison.
Exeter.—Colonel R. Pickard.
Nottingham.—Dr. W. T. Rowe.
Leicester.—Dr. John P. W. Jamie.
Coventry and Warwick.—Mr. G. G. Alderson.
Derby.—Dr. F. G. Lescher.
Sunderland.—Dr. Paige C. Arnold.
Cambridge.—Professor J. A. Ryle.

Wales

Cardiff.—Dr. R. Armstrong.
Newport.—Mr. Alan Ruddle.
Swansea.—Mr. O. C. Howells.

Special Committee

Representing the Royal College of Physicians of London: Sir Robert Hutchison (President), Dr. H. L. Tidy.
Representing the Royal College of Surgeons of England: Mr. Hugh Lett (President), Sir Alfred Webb-Johnson.
Representing the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists: Professor W. Fletcher Shaw (President), Dr. J. P. Hedley.
Representing the Group Officers:
London:
Sir Charles Wilson, Sir Girling Ball, Dr. H. E. A. Boldero.
Provinces:
Professor A. H. Burgess, Mr. K. W. Monsarrat, Professor L. G. Parsons.
Representing the Central Medical War Committee:
Mr. H. S. Souttar (Chairman), Dr. H. Guy Dain, Dr. A. E. Clark-Kennedy, Professor R. M. F. Picken.
Dr. G. C. Anderson (Secretary).
Dr. Charles Hill (Deputy Secretary).
Representing the London County Council:
Dr. W. A. Daley.
Attending by invitation:
Sir Maurice Cassidy, Mr. R. M. Vick.

At a meeting with the Minister of Health (Dr. Elliot) on October 27 a deputation from the British Paediatric Association, which was introduced by Dr. Charles McNeil, professor of child life at Edinburgh University and physician to the Royal Sick Children's Hospital, Edinburgh, suggested: (*a*) that the Government should appoint a paediatrician to act as consultant or adviser to the Minister, just as consultants had been appointed for special work like facial surgery under the Emergency Medical Scheme; (*b*) the appointment of specialists in children's illnesses, who would, in co-operation with general practitioners and public health authorities, be responsible for the children in the receiving areas; (*c*) the allocation of special blocks of beds and the concentration on those beds of specially trained children's doctors and nurses for sick children in the receiving areas.

The Minister, in reply, said that the appointment of a consultant in children's illnesses was not analogous to the appointment of consultants on such things as facial surgery in the Emergency Medical Service, since the latter would deal with casualties caused by air raids, whereas the former would be dealing with ordinary illnesses and not injuries arising from raids. But while he would gladly consider their suggestions and particularly their offer to set up panels of specialists in the different emergency regions so that general practitioners in the reception areas might have the advantage of consultants' services, he doubted whether evacuation could properly be made the occasion for the institution of a new service not available in peace time. The evacuated children represented only a small proportion of the total child population of the country, and if a specialist children's service were to be made available as part of the public health services it would need to cover children generally and not merely those who had been evacuated.

Assurance for Doctors

Meeting the Premium on Life Policies

It is possible that, with increased taxation and, in some instances, reduced income, medical men may find it difficult, temporarily, to meet the premium on their life insurance policies, and may even go so far as to contemplate surrendering those life policies. Now more than ever before is it necessary to maintain life assurance protection at its highest level, and very careful thought should be given to the following suggestions before any decision is taken which means surrendering a valuable policy.

A life policy can be turned into a "paid-up" assurance, which means for practical purposes that the sum assured is reduced in the proportion that the number of premiums actually paid bear to the total number which would have been paid if the contract ran to maturity. This is a much better proposition than surrendering a policy, but it still means a reduction in cover.

Most companies have special regulations for assisting a policy-holder to keep his cover intact during temporary financial embarrassment, and this is generally done in one of two ways. First, there are "non-forfeiture regulations" whereby, if the policy carries a sufficient surrender value, the premium is automatically advanced by the company out of the surrender value, and the policy-holder merely pays interest on the premium so advanced and is at liberty to repay this premium at his convenience. The procedure can be prolonged while the surrender is sufficient for the purpose. Secondly, a loan, where the surrender value justifies it, which is sufficient to pay the premium outstanding can be obtained from the company, at interest, on the security of the policy, and this loan can be repaid later or remain a charge on the policy to be deducted from the moneys due at maturity. Both these methods have the great advantage of keeping the cover at its full value and also of retaining in force a contract which, if surrendered or paid up, cannot perhaps be reinstated, for medical or other reasons, when desired.

Naval, Military, and Air Force Appointments

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE

Surgeon Captain F. C. Wright has been placed on the retired list.

Surgeon Lieutenant J. G. More-Nisbett to be Surgeon Lieutenant Commander.

To be Surgeon Lieutenants: R. M. Coplans, J. C. G. Evans, P. S. Fuller, J. F. Hughes, K. R. Kennedy, D. A. Prothero, D. L. Ridout, M. Urie, J. C. Wyatt, C. V. Arthur, J. M. Couchman, A. Donald, P. B. Nicol, W. M. Davidson, E. S. Elliott, N. L. Fox, A. L. W. Robinson, E. F. G. Stewart, and S. L. A. Clarke.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICES

Major-General J. W. L. Scott, D.S.O., K.H.P., late R.A.M.C., from Deputy Director to be Director of Medical Services, Eastern Command.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lieutenant-Colonel C. J. Blaikie has retired and retains his appointment.

Major H. P. Rudolf, M.C., to be Lieutenant-Colonel.

Major E. White, from R.A.M.C. (T.A.), to be Major.

Captain A. D. Bourne has relinquished the appointment of Deputy Surgeon.

Captain D. T. Swift has been appointed to a permanent commission, retaining his present seniority. (Substituted for the notifications in the *London Gazette* of June 29, 1934, June 7, 1935, and June 6, 1939.)

Lieutenant D. T. Swift to be Captain, with seniority June 7, 1934.

The appointment of Lieutenant D. T. Swift has been antedated to June 7, 1933, under the provisions of Article 36, Royal Warrant for Pay, 1931, but not to carry pay and allowances prior to June 7, 1934.

Lieutenant T. H. Howell (emergency commission) to be Deputy Surgeon.

Lieutenant P. Kennedy has ceased to hold a commission.

Lieutenants (on probation) G. J. Harrisson, G. M. Barling, W. A. Groom, D. B. Jagger, and G. P. Crean have been restored to the establishment.

The following Lieutenants (on probation) have been confirmed in their rank: J. H. Prain, W. A. Groom, F. J. Ingham, M. F. X. Slattery, G. J. Harrisson, J. A. Allen, E. P. Jowett, N. F. Field, W. L. O'Donnell, W. B. Foster, J. C. B. Nesfield, R. A. R. Topping, C. E. Brown, R. H. C. Manifold, N. E. O'Neill, C. J. Murray, A. R. T. Lundie, D. S. Milne, G. M. Barling, L. A. S. Edmondson, T. C. Hallinan, P. B. Williams, I. O. B. Spencer, G. G. Black, S. P. Belimaine, H. F. L. Gallaher, W. M. McLennan, G. E. Gray, H. L. Connor, I. D. Paterson, I. W. H. Mansfield, R. S. McGeorge, D. G. Howatson, D. A. Bird, C. D. Salmond, and D. B. Jagger.

To be Lieutenants: T. C. Keble, R. H. S. Langeveld, D. A. D. Kennedy (temporarily relinquishes rank of Captain), F. F. Langridge, R. G. Bannerman, L. Godlove, C. S. Humphries, and H. G. Gibson.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE

Flight Lieutenant A. W. St. C. Greig has resigned his short service commission.

ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Sir John D. Pollock, O.B.E., has been granted an honorary commission as Wing Commander while serving as Royal Air Force representative on University Joint Recruiting Boards.

ROYAL AIR FORCE VOLUNTEER RESERVE: MEDICAL BRANCH

K. C. Donovan has been granted a commission as Flight Lieutenant for the duration of hostilities.

Flying Officers D. M. Wallace, W. A. S. Falla, H. A. Tracey, R. G. H. Cunningham, W. Hargrave-Wilson, C. R. Jenkins, B. E. Rayner, G. P. Arden, J. C. McC. Browne, W. H. Gossip, L. S. Henry, J. C. McGregor, K. Fawssett, C. R. Mayou, C. O. Gange, I. B.-K. Macgregor, R. J. Owen, W. Simpson, A. K. Thomas, R. E. Angel, D. M. Brown, R. H. Craig, C. Hotson, T. S.-B. Kelly, D. A. Ker, J. B. Maurice, W. Milligan, G. MacK. Gibson, B. J. E. Anson, L. G. Anderson, H. S. Atkinson, C. G. Burgess, P. R. Kemp, H. S. H. O'Conor, R. W. Stewart, M. L. Maley, H. E. Pocler, B. S. Robertson, K. W. Bruce, D. G. Evans, D. H. Le Good, R. I. Shier, G. B. Gravling, F. G. Mundell, J. H. Hall, H. J. Davies, D. M. Hannah, R. Hill, A. Wilson, H. J. H. Hendley, J. B. Methven, F. R. Neubert, J. D. Ramsay, H. I. Simmons, D. Skinner, W. MacP. Cross, J. A. Mains, T. C. Wilson, J. Courtney, W. Heath, F. J. G. Jefferiss, and A. J. Owston to be Flight Lieutenants.

D. D. MacDonald, I. S. Buchanan, N. Jackson, W. M. Philip, J. L. Trent, D. P. Rowe, W. J. C. Anstie, D. McGregor, J. H. P. Gauvain, M. J. Lange, H. W. Whittingham, F. L. E. Musgrove, and F. L. Patterson have been granted commissions as Flying Officers for the duration of hostilities.

AUXILIARY AIR FORCE: MEDICAL BRANCH

J. Noble and H. J. Riley have been granted commissions as Flying Officers.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Major E. L. Fyffe has ceased to belong to the Reserve of Officers on account of ill-health.

Major D. C. Ogilvie, late R.A.M.C., temporary commission, to be Major, with seniority November 4, 1938.

To be Captains: Captain H. L. G. Hughes, D.S.O., M.C., late R.A.M.C., with seniority May 6, 1937, and Captain J. A. Tolmie, late Captain, R.A.M.C., Special Reserve, with seniority February 13, 1938.

Lieutenant A. H. W. Fleming, from Regular Army Reserve of Officers, Royal Norfolk Regiment, to be Lieutenant, with seniority July 31, 1925.

SUPPLEMENTARY RESERVE OF OFFICERS: ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lieutenants A. C. Stevenson and D. A. Lowe to be Captains.

To be Lieutenants: G. Bourne, I. H. Griffiths, J. C. Harland, E. H. C. Harper, G. Lorriman, and R. R. Simpson.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lieutenant J. Beattie, from Territorial Army Reserve of Officers, R.A.M.C., to be Acting Colonel and Director of Army Blood Transfusion and Surgical Research Laboratory.

Lieutenant-Colonels J. M. Smith and W. R. Watt have resigned their commissions and retain their rank with permission to wear the prescribed uniform.

Lieutenant-Colonels T. A. Hindmarsh and J. T. Kyle have relinquished their commissions on account of ill-health and retain their rank with permission to wear the prescribed uniform.

Lieutenant-Colonels T. E. A. Carr, J. O. Thomas, M.C., T.D., and J. S. M. Connell, from Territorial Army Reserve of Officers, R.A.M.C., to be Lieutenant-Colonels.

Lieutenant-Colonels G. P. Crowden and A. McG. Duff, M.C., from supernumerary for service with the O.T.C., to be Lieutenant-Colonels.

Major W. Barclay, M.C., from Territorial Army Reserve of Officers, R.A.M.C., to be Acting Lieutenant-Colonel.

Lieutenant L. W. Proger, from Territorial Army Reserve of Officers, R.A.M.C., to be Acting Lieutenant-Colonel and Officer Commanding, Army Blood Transfusion and Surgical Research Laboratory.

Major J. M. Smeaton, having attained the age limit, has relinquished his commission and retains his rank with permission to wear the prescribed uniform.

Major T. S. Torrance to be Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services, 52nd (Lowland) Division.

Majors W. Brockbank, L. F. E. Jeffcoat, H. Wilson, M.C., N. H. H. Haskins, M.C., H. M. Morris, F. H. Scotson, A. C. M. Savege, T.D., C. B. Levick, J. H. Blackburn, M.C., C. W. Greenhill, H. K. Griffith, E. T. H. Lea, J. L. Menzies, M.C., H. H. Fowler, S. S. Greaves, D.S.O., M.C., A. M. Hughes, R. W. Fairbrother, A. M. Jones, G. V. Davies, J. G. Graham, and H. L. Sheehan, from Territorial Army Reserve of Officers, R.A.M.C., to be Majors.

Majors J. E. Fraser and W. Lamb, from supernumerary for service with the O.T.C., to be Majors.

To be Acting Majors and Deputy Assistant Directors of Medical Services as indicated in parentheses: Captain A. R. C. Higham (2nd London Division, T.A.), Captain F. N. N. Roberts (48th Division, T.A.), Captain F. R. Bettley (53rd Division, T.A.), Captain M. W. Gonin (54th Division, T.A.), Captain E. H. P. Smith (43rd (Wessex) Division), Captain M. L. Formby (1st London Division).

Captain G. D. Kersley to be Major.

Captains H. W. E. Dickey and J. S. Minett have resigned their commissions.

Captain R. J. McN. Love has relinquished his commission and retains his rank.

Captains C. Shaw-Crisp, F. J. Whitelaw, H. P. Gabb, M.C., B. B. Morgan, G. Chesney, L. F. O'Shaughnessy, C. C. Taffs, J. F. Ward, M. E. D. Roberts, W. R. Nash, A. C. Sinclair, C. E. Sykes, H. G. Dodd, F. A. Smorfitt, A. W. Uloth, M.C., A. N. Smith, J. G. Morrin, H. S. Allen, R. A. Quinn, and F. Evans, M.B.E., from Territorial Army Reserve of Officers, R.A.M.C., to be Captains.

To be Captains: F. E. Anderson, D. S. Macpherson, and J. R. Tibbles. Captains N. Heath, W. M. Arnott, H. H. Kenshole, W. I. C. Morris, S. Andrews, I. Gordon, N. J. Logie, J. B. Forsyth, A. C. Frazer, R. W. Nevin, W. M. Nichols, and M. H. A. Davison, from supernumerary for service with the O.T.C., to be Captains.

Captain N. C. Oswald, from seconded list, to be Captain.

Lieutenants A. G. V. Aldridge, J. B. Plews, J. Mackay-Dick, and L. F. W. Salmon to be Captains.

Lieutenant E. J. G. Wallace has resigned his commission.

Lieutenant B. C. Curwood has resigned his commission on appointment to the Royal Air Force.

Second Lieutenant J. L. Taylor, from 6th Battalion Gordons, to be Lieutenant, with seniority January 18, 1939.

Lieutenant I. A. R. Mackeazie, from Gordons, to be Lieutenant.

Lieutenant J. D. Easton, from supernumerary for service with the O.T.C., to be Lieutenant.

Lieutenant H. V. M. Jones has relinquished his commission on account of ill-health.

To be Lieutenants: G. R. Ford, C. M. MacQ. Murray, J. M. Moran, J. E. Morrish, R. V. Harris, S. S. B. Gilder, O. E. Smith, W. L. Ogle, D. Turner, G. Karstaedt, S. L. Frank, H. J. Seddon, R. L. Portway, L. H. Murray, G. D. Falconer, C. P. B. Wells, R. Barraclough, P. J. B. Dyce, R. T. Rushton, J. J. Davis, E. J. Goldsmith, S. G. McK. Francis, K. Maccoll, J. M. L. Howat, A. Wailer, R. I. C. Bradford, J. F. Mackay, and W. J. Street.

Lieutenants C. Stewart, B. McK. Dick, M. J. Bett, E. T. Colville, R. E. Pleasance, L. H. Crosskey, and A. C. Flemming, from Territorial Army Reserve of Officers, R.A.M.C., to be Lieutenants.

Lieutenants (on probation) F. J. Ingham, C. E. Brown, E. P. Jowett, W. M. McLennan, R. H. C. Manifold, J. A. Allen, and M. F. X. Slattery have been restored to the establishment.

TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS: ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Major C. D. S. Agassiz, M.C., has resigned his commission and retains his rank with permission to wear the prescribed uniform.

A. Simpson-Smith to be Major.

LAND FORCES: EMERGENCY COMMISSIONS

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

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Postgraduate News

The Fellowship of Medicine announces that a course in neurology, especially intended for M.R.C.P. candidates, will be given at the West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases, daily at 2.30 p.m., from November 13 to 24. Instruction will consist of a clinical demonstration followed by a lecture. It is hoped that further short courses of instruction may be arranged in the near future, and postgraduates desiring instruction are asked to make known their requirements to the Fellowship of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1.

WEEKLY POSTGRADUATE DIARY

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL, Ducane Road, W.—*Daily*, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Medical Clinics, Surgical Clinics and Operations, Obstetrical and Gynaecological Clinics and Operations. *Daily*, 1.30 to 2 p.m., Post-mortem Demonstration. *Mon.*, 4 p.m., Lord Horder, Ward Clinic. *Wed.*, 11.30 a.m., Clinical-Pathological Conference (Medical); 2.30 p.m., Clinical-Pathological Conference (Surgical). *Thurs.*, 2 p.m., Dr. Duncan White, Radiological Conference. *Fri.*, 2 p.m., Clinical-Pathological Conference (Gynaecological).

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE

General Meeting of Fellows.—Tues., 2 p.m.

Section of History of Medicine.—Wed., 2.30 p.m. Paper by Dr. F. Hernaman-Johnson: The Social Standing of the Doctor throughout the Ages.

BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY.—At Department of Biochemistry, Oxford, *Sat.*, 11.45 a.m. Communications and Demonstrations.

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Diary of Central Meetings

NOVEMBER

8 Wed. Central Emergency Standing Subcommittee, 2 p.m.

Katherine Bishop Harman Prize

The Council of the British Medical Association is prepared to consider an award of the Katherine Bishop Harman Prize, of the value of £70, in the year 1940. The purpose of the prize, founded in 1926, is the encouragement of study and research directed to the diminution and avoidance of the risks to health and life that are apt to arise in pregnancy and child-bearing. It will be awarded for the best essay submitted in open competition, competitors being left free to select the work they wish to present, provided this falls within the scope of the prize. Any medical practitioner registered in the British Empire is eligible to compete. Should the Council of the Association decide that no essay submitted is of sufficient merit the prize will not be awarded in 1940, but will be offered again in the year next following this decision, and in this event the money value of the prize on the occasion in question shall be such proportion of the accumulated income as the Council shall determine. The decision of the Council will be final.

Each essay must be typewritten or printed in the English language, must be distinguished by a motto, and must be accompanied by a sealed envelope marked with the same motto and enclosing the candidate's name and address. Essays must be forwarded so as to reach the Secretary, to whom all inquiries should be addressed, British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1, not later than December 31, 1939.

Important Notice concerning Appointments

The attention of medical practitioners is drawn to the important notice concerning appointments which is published each week in the advertisement columns of the *Journal*. This notice asks practitioners to communicate with the Secretary of the British Medical Association before applying for any of the appointments listed therein. It appears this week at page 43.

VACANCIES

EXAMINING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The following vacant appointments are announced: (*a*) Islay (Argyllshire); (*b*) Mevagissey (Cornwall); (*c*) Cranborne (Dorset); (*d*) Selston (Nottinghamshire). Applications to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.1, for (*a*) by November 7, and for (*b*), (*c*), and (*d*) by November 14.

SPECIALIST MEDICAL REFEREE UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT, 1925, to take ophthalmic cases arising in the County Court Districts of Birmingham (Circuit No. 21); Bromsgrove, Bromyard, Kidderminster, Stourbridge, Tenbury, Worcester, Evesham, Great Malvern, Hay, Hereford, Ledbury, Leominster, Kington (Circuit No. 22); Atherstone, Coventry, Bletchley and Leighton Buzzard, Northampton, Daventry, Rugby, Nuneaton (Circuit No. 23); Aylesbury, High Wycombe, Banbury, Shipton-on-Stour, Buckingham, Chipping Norton, Oxford, Thame, Wallingford, Wantage, Witney, Henley-on-Thames, Windsor, Reading (Circuit No. 36). Applications to the Private Secretary, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.1, by November 18.

APPOINTMENTS

EXAMINING FACTORY SURGEONS.—T. S. Blaiklock, M.D., for the Morpeth District (Northumberland); A. N. Bousfield, M.B., B.S., for the Wooler District (Northumberland); A. H. MacG. McMullan, M.B., B.S., for the Shipston-on-Stour District (Warwickshire); P. S. Byrne, M.B., Ch.B., for the Carnforth District (Lancashire).

The Minister of Health has appointed Miss E. M. R. Russell-Smith and Miss E. A. Sharp to be assistant secretaries (acting) of the Ministry of Health.